



Mass Central Rail Trail - Norwottuck Rehabilitation Project Update

November 5, 2014



Paving and Bridges Complete! Route 116 to Southeast Street

As of this week, all paving and bridge rehabilitation between Route 116 and Southeast Street / Mill Lane in Amherst has been completed. The contractor will be finishing up this section with additional fencing, line striping, signage, and landscaping. Users can expect this section of the path to open up next week, weather permitting.

A Few More Closures Coming; Commuters Take Note

The final section of the reconstruction project, Southeast Street to Station Road in Amherst, is scheduled to close beginning next week. During November, the contractor will be reconstructing the bridge over Hop Brook, approximately 1 mile west of Station Road, and so there will be **no through access**.

We also expect to close the trail east of South Maple Street for a few days while the contractor installs stock fencing along the adjacent farm properties.

A potential detours are available for both of these sections. MassBike has posted potential detour information at

<https://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=zo7mIE2b5EJY.ksqJjCggDt-I>

Following completion of the above noted work, the contractor will vacate the site for the winter, resuming work in the Spring of 2015.

Current Anticipated Schedule and Closures:

At this time, we expect the following schedule of path closures. All dates are subject to change.

Stage	Expected Closure	Type of Work	Possible On-Road Alternatives
Cross Path Rd., Hadley to East St., Hadley	Reopened! Fall, 2013	Path re-paving, new parking and amenities	
Connecticut River Bridge to Cross Path	Reopened! May, 2014	Bridge re-decking and repairs, path repaving.	
Damon Rd. parking lot	Reopened! May, 2014	Redesign, expansion and repaving of the lot.	
East St., Hadley, to South Maple St., Hadley	Reopened! May, 2014	Repaving and boardwalk	
South Maple St., Hadley, to Rt. 116, Amherst	Reopened! July, 2014	Repaving, bridge repair, and picnic area.	
Rt. 116, Amherst – Amherst College Erosion Area	Reopening, expected November 10, 2014	Excavation, repaving, bridge repair, and stream restoration.	
South Maple St., Hadley, to Rt. 116, Amherst	Mid-November for a few days	Stock fence installation	Route 116, to Mill Valley Rd, to S Maple St.
South East St., Amherst to Station Rd., Amherst	November 2014	Reconstruction of Hop Brook bridge	South East St. to Station Rd.
South East St., Amherst to Station Rd., Amherst	March, 2015 through June, 2015	Excavation, repaving, and parking lot renovation	South East St. to Station Rd.

More Information?

DCR will continue to post information, updated schedules, and closures on our project web page at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/conservation/planning-and-resource-protection/projects/norwottuck-rail-trail-rehabilitation-project.html>.

We will also provide email updates via our Norwottuck Reconstruction ListServe. You can sign up for the ListServ at the link above.

Thank you for your patience and support.